Site # WA-HAG-211

Date: ca. 1927, 1948

Property Name: (Historic) Jamison Cold Storage Door Co.

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Location: Forest Drive at Maple Avenue

Hagerstown, Maryland

Access: private X, public ____

Description:

This industrial complex consists of a two story brick office in a park-like setting just south of Maple Avenue and the Western Maryland Railway's main line to Baltimore. The formal, Neo-classical inspired two-story office is located at the east edge of the plant, with the manufacturing buildings located to the west and south. Most of the current manufactory section seems to have been rebuilt in 1942 and consists of a brick faced single story structure with large multi-paned three part window bays separated by vertical brick piers.

Significance:

The Jamison Cold Storage Door Company was founded in 1905 as the Jones Cold Storage Door Company, and changed to its present name in 1914. According to the 1939 publication, Wings Over Hagerstown, this company is the oldest and largest in the world producing cold storage doors exclusively. In 1927 it absorbed the Stevenson Cold Storage Door Company of Chester, PA and in 1932 the door department of Hagerstown's Victor Products Company. In 1939 the company was employing 50-75 men.

Situated on the Western Maryland Railway main line, it

is one of many manufacturing concerns that grew and developed in the early 20th century in Hagerstown because of the excellent rail service.

Historic Context:

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Economic/Social/Cultural Architecture

Resource Type: Rail-Related Resources

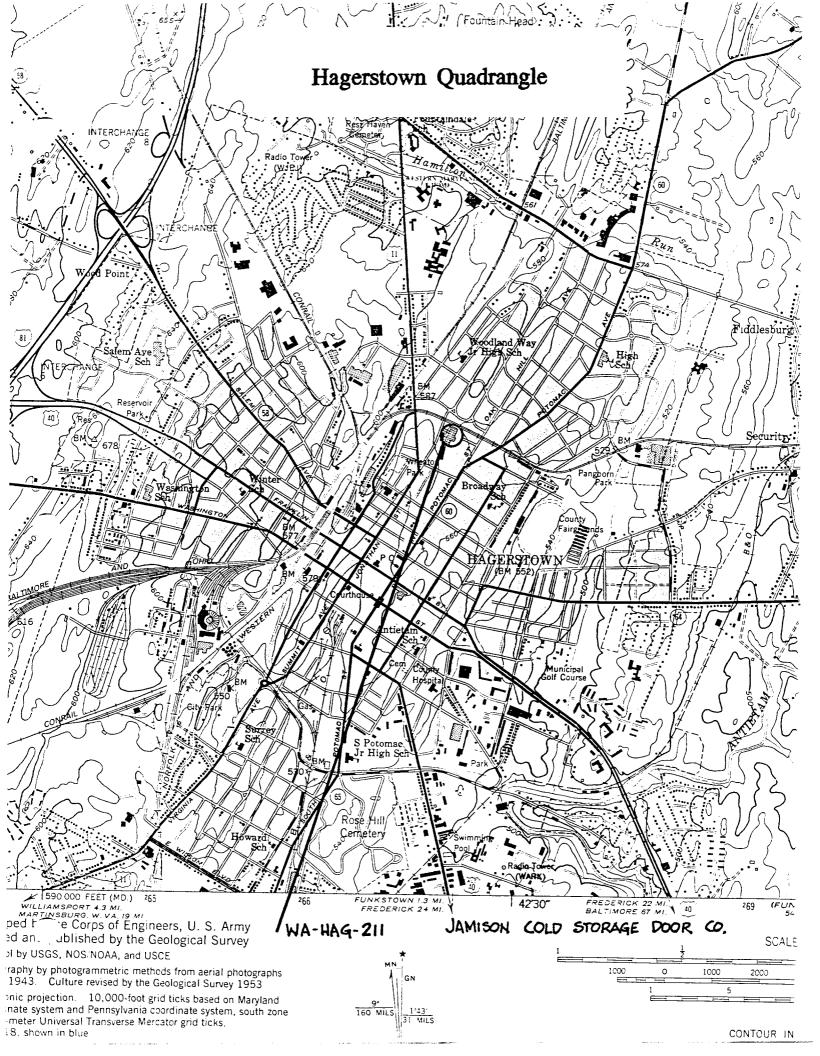
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